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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yukino OWAKI, et al.

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EXAMINER: GOLLAMUDI, S.

FOR: TAPE MATERIAL FOR TRANSCUTANEOUS ABSORPTION

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Responsive to the Office Action of February 20, 2003 in the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel Claim 6.

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Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A tape preparation comprising an adhesive mass comprising 1-30 parts by weight of a local anesthetic in a base form in 100 parts by weight of a nonaqueous adhesive mass base comprising 5-50% by weight of a styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer, 1-60% by weight of an alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon resin, 5-60% by weight of liquid paraffin and 1-30% by weight of butyl rubber,

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